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Business B =

Stock Exchange =

Dear :

This letter responds to your August 9, 2010 request for rulings regarding certain federal income tax consequences of a series of transactions. The information submitted in that request and in later correspondence is summarized below.

The rulings contained in this letter are based upon information and representations submitted by the taxpayer and accompanied by a penalty of perjury statement executed by an appropriate party. While this office has not verified any of the material submitted in support of the request for rulings, it is subject to verification on examination.

Summary of Facts

Foreign Parent, a foreign corporation, directly owns all of the issued and outstanding shares of Sub 1, a disregarded entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and indirectly owns all of the issued and outstanding shares of Sub 2, a foreign corporation.

Sub 1 owns all of the issued and outstanding shares of Sub 3, a disregarded entity, and Sub 4, a foreign corporation.

Sub 3 directly owns all of the issued and outstanding shares of Sub 5, a disregarded entity. Sub 5 owns approximately ff percent of the issued and outstanding shares of Sub 6, a domestic corporation.

Sub 4 owns all of the issued and outstanding shares of Sub 7, a foreign corporation. Sub 7 owns all of the issued and outstanding shares of Sub 8 and Sub 9, both of which are disregarded entities for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Prior to the Proposed Transaction (defined below), Sub 9 and Sub 8 owned b and c percent, respectively, of the issued and outstanding interests in Sub 10, a State partnership that is regarded as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Sub 10 was the common parent of a group of affiliated corporations that joined in filing a U.S. consolidated income tax return. Sub 10 owned all of the issued and outstanding shares of Sub 11, a domestic corporation. Prior to the Proposed Transaction (defined below), Sub 11 owed Sub 2 approximately \$d. In addition, prior to the Sub 10 Capital Contribution (described below), Sub 11 owes Sub 10 \$dd.

Sub 11 owned all of the issued and outstanding stock of Sub 12, Sub 13, Sub 14, and Sub 15, all of which are domestic corporations. In addition, Sub 11 owned all of the issued and outstanding interests in Sub 16 and Sub 17, both disregarded entities. Sub 12, Sub 13, Sub 14, Sub 15, and their subsidiaries, and Sub 17 engaged in the conduct of Foreign Parent's Business A (collectively, the "Business A Subsidiaries").

Sub 16 owned approximately e percent of the issued and outstanding shares of Sub 6 (the "Old Sub 6 Shares"). Sub 16 acquired the Old Sub 6 Shares on Date 1, as part of a reorganization described under § 368 (the "Sub 6 Acquisition"). Prior to the Sub 6 Acquisition, Foreign Parent and its direct and indirect subsidiaries sold the Business B assets in the U.S. and used the proceeds to pay down debt.

Proposed Transaction

For what have been represented as valid business purposes, the following steps have been proposed (collectively, the "Proposed Transaction"):

1. On Date 2, Sub 8 transferred its c percent interest in Sub 10 to Sub 7 in exchange for f.
2. On Date 3, Sub 2 assigned \$g of its receivable from Sub 11 (the "Sub 11 Receivable") to Sub 7 and Sub 9 in proportion to their partnership interests in Sub 10 in exchange for notes containing identical interest terms issued by Sub 7 and Sub 9 (the "Note Exchange").
3. On Date 3, Sub 7 and Sub 9 contributed the Sub 11 Receivable acquired in the Note Exchange to the capital of Sub 10 in exchange for an additional amount of Sub 10 interests equal to the value of the Sub 11 Receivable (the "Sub 11 Note Contribution").
4. On Date 3, Sub 15 and Sub 13 declared a dividend of \$h and \$i, respectively, to Sub 11. Sub 15 and Sub 13 paid the declared dividend by assuming \$h and \$i of Sub 11's payable to Sub 2 (the "Sub 15 and Sub 13 Assumptions"). The Sub 15 and Sub 13 Assumptions constituted a full novation.

5. On Date 4, Sub 12 acquired all the shares of Sub 13, Sub 14, Sub 15, and all of the interests in Sub 17 from Sub 11 for \$j, settled by the issuance of a single share and an assumption of \$k of Sub 11's payable to Sub 2.
6. On Date 5, Sub 11 sold all of the shares of Sub 12 to Sub 7 in exchange for \$gg (the "Sub 11 Sale").
7. On Date 6, Sub 11 converted into a State LLC ("Sub 11 LLC") pursuant to state law (the "Sub 11 Conversion").
8. On Date 7, Sub 12 contributed all of the shares of Sub 13 to the capital of Sub 15.
9. On Date 9, Sub 7 and Sub 9 contributed \$m and \$n notes, respectively, to the capital of Sub 10 (the "Sub 10 Capital Contribution").
10. On Date 10, Sub 10 used the proceeds from the Sub 10 Capital Contribution to acquire e percent of the issued and outstanding shares of Sub 6 from Sub 16 (the "Sub 16 Sale").
11. On Date 11, Sub 10 distributed Sub 11 LLC and its \$ee receivable from Sub 11 LLC to Sub 7 and Sub 9 in proportion to their partnership interests (the "Sub 10 Distribution"). On Date 3, the Sub 11 Receivable was a \$g receivable. After Date 3, but prior to Date 11, the Sub 11 Receivable was netted with a payable owed to Sub 11 LLC (previously Sub 11) from Sub 15, resulting in a remaining receivable from Sub 11 LLC to Sub 10 of \$ee. Collectively, the Sub 10 Capital Contribution, the Sub 16 Sale, and the Sub 10 Distribution are referred to as the "Sub 6 Share Purchase".
12. On Date 12, Sub 10 converted into a corporation, Newco, pursuant to State law (the "Sub 10 Reorganization"). Following the Sub 10 Reorganization, Newco will be a holding company and its sole asset will be the shares of Sub 6.
13. On Date 14, Sub 7 and Sub 9 transferred all of the issued and outstanding shares of Newco to Sub 6 in exchange for p newly registered Sub 6 shares, which represented approximately e percent of Sub 6's issued and outstanding shares (the "New Sub 6 Shares"). The exchange of all of Newco's shares for the New Sub 6 Shares is referred to hereinafter as the "Newco Stock Exchange".
14. On Date 14, Sub 6 authorized the redemption of all the Sub 6 shares held by Sub 5, equal to g shares or ff percent of the total issued and outstanding shares of Sub 6, (the "Sub 5 Redemption"). Furthermore, Sub 6 authorized the redemption of r of the New Sub 6 Shares issued to Sub 7 and Sub 9 as part of the Newco Stock Exchange (the "Sub 7 Redemption") (collectively, the Sub 5 Redemption and the Sub 7 Redemption are referred to as the "Sub 6

Redemption 1"). In the Sub 6 Redemption 1, the New Sub 6 Shares were redeemed for cash equal to \$s per share.

15. On Date 14, Sub 7 and Sub 9 placed t of the New Sub 6 Shares on the market in an underwritten secondary public offering and, in connection with this sale, sold an additional u shares under an underwriter over allocation option (the "Sub 6 Sale"). In the Sub 6 Sale, y of the New Sub 6 Shares were sold at a price of \$w per share and x of the New Sub 6 Shares were sold at a price of \$y per share.
16. On Date 15, Merger Sub, a newly formed corporation wholly owned by Sub 6, merged with and into Target, an unrelated corporation (the "Target Merger") with Target surviving. The Target Merger was intended to qualify as a reorganization under section 368. In the Target Merger, Sub 6 issued cc shares to the Target shareholders.
17. On Date 16, Foreign Parent exercised its option to cause Sub 6 to redeem approximately z of the New Sub 6 Shares for cash equal to \$aa per share (the "Sub 6 Redemption 2"). As a result of the Target Merger, Sub 6 had bb shares issued and outstanding prior to the Sub 6 Redemption 2.
18. Newco will merge with and into a newly formed, disregarded entity, wholly owned by Sub 6 ("Merger Co") pursuant to state law (the "Newco Merger") as soon as practicable upon receipt of a private letter ruling from the Internal Revenue Service, but in no event later than 6 months after the receipt of such private letter ruling. The Newco Merger will be effected pursuant to state law, under which, as a result of the operation of such laws, the following events will occur simultaneously at the effective time of the Newco Merger: (i) all of the assets and liabilities (except to the extent satisfied or discharged in the transaction) of Newco will become the assets and liabilities of a newly formed disregarded entity wholly owned by Sub 6; and (ii) Newco will cease its separate legal existence for all purposes.

Representations

The Sub 15 and Sub 13 Assumptions

1. At all times beginning with the issuance of the Sub 11 Receivable, Sub 11 treated the Sub 11 Receivable as debt for U.S. federal income tax purposes.
2. At all times beginning with the issuance of the Sub 11 Receivable, the Sub 11 Receivable carried an interest rate that was comparable to the applicable federal rate.
3. At the time of the Sub 11 Note Contribution, the adjusted issue price of the Sub 11 Receivable equaled the debt's fair market value.

The Sub 11 Conversion

1. Sub 10, on the date of the Sub 11 Conversion, owned all of the single outstanding class of stock of Sub 11.
2. The fair market value of the consideration received by Sub 10 for each share of Sub 11 stock was approximately equal to the fair market value of that stock.
3. No shares of any Sub 11 stock were redeemed during the three years preceding the Sub 11 Conversion.
4. Upon the Sub 11 Conversion, Sub 11 became a disregarded entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes.
5. Except for the Sub 6 Acquisition, Sub 11 has not acquired assets in any nontaxable transaction at any time, except for acquisitions occurring more than 3 years prior to the date of the Sub 11 Conversion.
6. Except for the Sub 11 Sale, the Sub 6 Acquisition, and the sale of Business B, no assets of Sub 11 have been, or will be, disposed of by either Sub 11 or Sub 10 except for dispositions in the ordinary course of business and dispositions occurring more than 3 years prior to the date of the Sub 11 Conversion.
7. Except for the Sub 10 Distribution, the Sub 11 Sale, and the Newco Stock Exchange, the Sub 11 Conversion will not be preceded or followed by the reincorporation in, or transfer or sale to, a recipient corporation ("Recipient") of any of the businesses or assets of Sub 11, if persons holding, directly or indirectly, more than 20 percent in value of Sub 11 stock, also hold, directly or indirectly, more than 20 percent in value of the stock in Recipient. For purposes of this representation, ownership will be determined by application of the constructive ownership rules of section 318(a) of the Code as modified by section 304(c)(3).

8. Prior to the Sub 11 Conversion, no assets of Sub 11 were distributed in kind, transferred, or sold to Sub 10, except for transactions occurring in the ordinary course of business and transactions occurring more than 3 years prior to the Sub 11 Conversion.
9. The fair market value of the assets of Sub 11 exceeded its liabilities immediately before the Sub 11 Conversion.
10. Sub 10 is not an organization that is exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 or any other provision of the Code.
11. Except for a \$dd payable and the Sub 11 Receivable owed from Sub 11 to Sub 10 that was extinguished upon the Sub 11 Conversion, there is no intercorporate debt existing between Sub 10 and Sub 11 and none has been cancelled, forgiven, or discounted, except for transactions that occurred more than 3 years prior to the date of the Sub 11 Conversion.
12. Sub 11 will report all earned income represented by assets that will be distributed to Sub 10 such as receivables being reported on a cash basis, unfinished development contracts, commissions due, etc.
13. All other transactions undertaken contemporaneously with, in anticipation of, in conjunction with, or in any way related to, the Sub 11 Conversion have been fully disclosed.

The Sub 6 Share Purchase

1. The steps comprising the Sub 6 Share Purchase occurred as part of a single overall plan.
2. The Sub 6 Share Purchase facilitated the creation of reserves for Sub 11 under Country law and created distributable reserves sufficient to satisfy the Country law requirement necessary to effectuate the distribution of Sub 11 LLC and to obtain a fair market value basis for Country tax purposes.
3. All events surrounding the Sub 6 Share Purchase will be treated by all parties as not having occurred for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

The Sub 10 Reorganization

1. Sub 7 and Sub 9 received solely Newco stock in the Sub 10 Reorganization.
2. The fair market value of the Newco stock received by Sub 7 and Sub 9 in the Sub 10 Reorganization was approximately equal to the fair market value of the Sub 10 stock surrendered in the exchange.

3. Following the Sub 10 Reorganization, Sub 7 and Sub 9 owned all of the outstanding Newco stock and owned such stock solely by reason of their ownership of Sub 10 stock immediately prior to the Sub 10 Reorganization.
4. Immediately after the Sub 10 Reorganization, Newco held all the assets held by Sub 10 immediately prior to the Sub 10 Reorganization.
5. With regard to the assets that were transferred from Sub 10 to Newco in the Sub 10 Reorganization, the fair market value of the assets equaled or exceeded the sum of the liabilities (as determined under section 357(d)) that were assumed by Newco, if any.
6. All liabilities to which Sub 10 assets were subject to at the time of the Sub 10 Reorganization and all liabilities of Sub 10 that were properly treated as being assumed by Newco in the Sub 10 Reorganization (as determined under section 357(d)), are liabilities that were incurred by Sub 10 in the ordinary course of its business and are associated with the assets transferred from Sub 10 to Newco.
7. Foreign Parent, the indirect parent corporation of Sub 7, Sub 9 and Sub 10, will pay all of the expenses incurred in connection with the Sub 10 Reorganization.
8. Sub 10 is not under the jurisdiction of a court in a Title 11 or similar case within the meaning of section 368(a)(3)(A).
9. Sub 10 will not have been, at any time during the five-year period prior to the Sub 10 Reorganization, a U.S. real property holding corporation within the meaning of section 897(c)(2).

The Newco Stock Exchange

1. Sub 7 and the shareholders of Target did not collectively own stock representing 80 percent of Sub 6 possesses combined voting power and 80 percent of the total number of shares of all other classes of stock. No other shareholders of Sub 6 contributed property for stock as part of the plan.

The Newco Stock Exchange and the Newco Merger

1. The Newco Merger in combination with the Sub 7 Redemption, the Newco Stock Exchange, and the Sub 6 Redemption 2, is being carried out for the corporate business purpose of enabling Sub 6 to complete the Target Merger without causing a potential delisting of Foreign Parent stock under the Stock Exchange rules and to remove assets and liabilities of Sub 10 related to the Business A Subsidiaries prior to the Newco Stock Exchange.

2. Continuity of proprietary interest in Newco will be preserved (within the meaning of Treas. Reg. § 1.368-1(e)).
3. Sub 6 has no plan or intention to sell or otherwise dispose of any of the assets of Newco acquired in the Newco Merger, except for dispositions made in the ordinary course of business or transfers described in section 368(a)(2)(C) or Treas. Reg. § 1.368-2(k).
4. The liabilities of Newco assumed in the Newco Merger and the liabilities to which the transferred assets of Newco were subject, were incurred by Newco in the ordinary course of its business.
5. Following the Newco Merger, Sub 6 will continue the historic business of Sub 10, or will use a significant portion of such historic business assets in an active trade or business.
6. Each party to the Newco Stock Exchange and the Newco Merger will pay its own expenses incurred in connection with the Newco Stock Exchange and the Newco Merger. The expenses attributable to the Foreign Parent side of the transaction will be paid by Foreign Parent.
7. There is no intercorporate indebtedness existing between Newco and Sub 6 that was issued, acquired, or will be settled at a discount.
8. Only one party, Newco, to the Newco Merger will be an investment company as defined in section 368(a)(2)(F)(iii) and (iv).
9. Newco is not under the jurisdiction of a court in a Title 11 or similar case within the meaning of section 368(a)(3)(A).
10. The fair market value of the assets of Newco transferred to Sub 6 will equal or exceed the sum of the liabilities assumed by Sub 6, plus the amount of liabilities, if any, to which the transferred assets are subject.
11. The fair market value of Sub 6 assets will exceed the amount of the liabilities of Sub 6 immediately after the transaction.
12. The fair market value of the acquiring stock and other consideration received by Newco's shareholders will be approximately equal to the fair market value of the Newco stock surrendered in the exchange.
13. Except for the Sub 6 Redemption 1 and the Sub 6 Redemption 2, Sub 6 has no plan or intention to reacquire any of its stock issued in the transaction.

14. Newco will not have been, at any time during the five-year period prior to the Sub 10 Reorganization, a U.S. real property holding corporation within the meaning of section 897(c)(2).

Rulings

The Sub 15 and Sub 13 Assumptions

1. The Sub 15 and Sub 13 Assumptions qualified as distributions to Sub 11 with respect to the stock of Sub 15 and Sub 13, the amount of which will be excluded from the gross income of Sub 11 and will reduce the basis Sub 11 has in the Sub 15 and Sub 13 stock under Treas. Reg. §§ 1.1502-13(f)(2)(ii) and 1.1502-32.

The Sub 11 Conversion

1. The Sub 11 Conversion will constitute a complete liquidation of Sub 11 under § 332. Treas. Reg. § 301.7701-3.
2. No gain or loss will be recognized by Sub 10 on the deemed receipt of the assets and liabilities of Sub 11 as a result of the Sub 11 Conversion. Section 332(a).
3. The basis of each asset of Sub 11 deemed received by Sub 10 pursuant to the Sub 11 Conversion will equal the basis of that asset in the hands of Sub 11 immediately before the Sub 11 Conversion. Section 334(b)(1).
4. The holding period of each asset of Sub 11 deemed received by Sub 10 in the Sub 11 Conversion will include the period during which Sub 11 held such asset. Section 1223(2).
5. Sub 10 will succeed to and take into account all of Sub 11's tax attributes described in section 381(c) (section 381(a)(1) and Treas. Reg. § 1.381(a)-1). These items will be taken into account by Sub 10 subject to the conditions and limitations specified in sections 381, 382, 383 and 384 and the Regulations thereunder.
6. No gain or loss will be recognized by Sub 11 on the deemed distribution of its assets and liabilities as a result of the Sub 11 Conversion. Section 337(a).

The Sub 6 Share Purchase

1. The contribution of cash in the Sub 10 Capital Contribution to Sub 10 and subsequent distribution from Sub 10 of the same cash to Sub 7 as part of the Sub 6 Share Purchase will be disregarded for federal income tax purposes. Rev. Rul. 83-142, 1983-2 C.B. 68.

The Sub 10 Reorganization

1. The Sub 10 Reorganization will qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of section 368(a)(1)(F). Sub 10 and Newco will each be “a party to the reorganization” within the meaning of section 368(b).
2. No gain or loss will be recognized by Sub 10 upon the transfer of all its assets to Newco in exchange for Newco stock and the assumption of liabilities. Sections 361(a) and 357(a).
3. No gain or loss will be recognized by Newco upon the receipt of Sub 10’s assets in exchange for Newco stock. Section 1032(a).
4. Newco’s basis in each asset received from Sub 10 in the Sub 10 Reorganization will be the same as Sub 10’s basis in such asset immediately before the Sub 10 Reorganization. Section 362(b).
5. Newco’s holding period for each asset received from Sub 10 in the Sub 10 Reorganization will include the period during which such asset was held by Sub 10. Section 1223(2).
6. No gain or loss will be recognized by Sub 10 on the distribution of Newco stock to Sub 7. Section 361(c).
7. Sub 7 will recognize no gain or loss on its exchange of Sub 10 interests for Newco shares in the Sub 10 Reorganization. Section 354.
8. Sub 7’s basis in each share of Newco stock received in exchange for Sub 10 stock will be equal to the basis of each Sub 10 interest treated as exchanged therefor. Section 358.
9. Sub 7’s holding period for the Newco stock received in the Sub 10 Reorganization will include the holding period for the Sub 10 interests exchanged therefor, provided the Sub 10 interests were held as capital assets on the date of the exchange. Section 1223(1).
10. Newco will succeed to and take into account all of Sub 10’s tax attributes described in section 381(c) (section 381(a)(2) and Treas. Reg. § 1.381(a)-1). These items will be taken into account by Newco subject to the conditions and limitations specified in sections 381, 382, 383 and 384 and the Regulations thereunder.
11. The Newco Merger will not prevent the Sub 10 Reorganization from qualifying as a reorganization under section 368(a)(1)(F). Rev. Rul. 96-29, 1996-1 C.B. 50.

The Newco Stock Exchange and the Newco Merger

1. The Newco Stock Exchange, the Sub 7 Redemption, the Newco Merger, and the Sub 6 Redemption 2 will be integrated and treated as a transfer by Newco of all its assets, subject to liabilities, to Sub 6 in exchange for the New Sub 6 Shares and cash (as described above), and will constitute a reorganization within the meaning of section 368(a)(1)(A). Sub 6 and Newco will each be “a party to the reorganization” within the meaning of section 368(b). Rev. Rul. 2001-46, 2001-2 C.B. 321.
2. No gain or loss will be recognized by Newco on the transfer of its assets and liabilities to Sub 6. Sections 361(a) and 357(a).
3. No gain or loss will be recognized by Sub 6 on the receipt of the Newco assets in exchange for the New Sub 6 Shares. Section 1032.
4. Sub 6’s basis in each asset received will equal the basis of that asset in the hands of Newco immediately before the transaction. Section 362(b).
5. Sub 6’s holding period for each asset received will include Newco’s holding period in such asset. Section 1223(2).
6. No gain or loss will be recognized by Newco on the distribution of the New Sub 6 Shares to its shareholders. Section 361(c)(1).
7. No gain or loss will be recognized by Sub 7 upon the exchange of the Newco stock for Sub 6 stock, as described above. Section 354(a)(1).
8. The gain, if any, realized by Sub 7 upon receipt of Sub 6 stock, cash, and other property, will be recognized, but in an amount not in excess of the cash and other property received. Section 356(a)(1). The gain, if any, will not have the effect of the distribution of a dividend. Section 356(a)(2). The gain shall be treated as gain from the exchange of property. Section 356(a)(2); Commissioner v. Clark, 489 U.S. 726 (1989). No loss will be recognized by Sub 7. Section 356(c).
9. Sub 7’s basis in the New Sub 6 Stock will be the same as the basis of the Newco shares surrendered in the Newco Stock Exchange decreased by the fair market value of the other property and the amount of any money received and increased by the amount of gain recognized by Sub 7 on such exchange. Section 358(a)(1).
10. Sub 7’s holding period for the New Sub 6 Stock received in the Newco Merger will include the holding period for the Newco stock exchanged therefor, provided the Newco interests were held as capital assets on the date of the exchange. Section 1223(1).

11. Sub 6 will succeed to and take into account all of Newco's tax attributes described in section 381(c) (section 381(a) and section 1.381(a)-1 of the Income Tax Regulations). These items will be taken into account by Sub 6 subject to the conditions and limitations specified in sections 381, 382, 383 and 384 and the Regulations thereunder.

Effect of the Sub 5 Redemption,

1. The Sub 5 Redemption will be treated as a distribution in full payment in exchange for stock owned by Sub 5 as provided in section 302(a).

Caveat

Except as expressly provided herein, no opinion is expressed or implied concerning the federal income tax consequences of any aspect of any transaction or item discussed or referenced in this letter.

Procedural

This ruling is directed only to the taxpayer requesting it. Section 6110(k)(3) of the Code provides that it may not be used or cited as precedent. A copy of this letter must be attached to any income tax return to which it is relevant. Alternatively, taxpayers filing their returns electronically may satisfy this requirement by attaching a statement to their return that provides the date and control number of the letter ruling.

In accordance with the Power of Attorney on file with this office, a copy of this letter is being sent to your authorized representative.

Sincerely,

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